

districts number one, two, three, &c., for white schools, or school districts number one, two, three, &c., for colored schools. (as the case may be,) in the county of ———.

SEC. 23. The school committee may receive any gift, grant, donation or devise, made for the use of any school or schools within their jurisdiction, and in their corporate capacity they shall be and are hereby entrusted with the care and custody of all school houses, school house sites, grounds, books, apparatus, or other public school property belonging to their respective jurisdictions, with full power to control the same as they may deem best for the interest of the public schools, and the cause of education.

When, in the opinion of the committee, any school house, school house sites or other public property, has become unnecessary for public school purposes, they shall return the land to the original owner, his heirs or assigns, if he or they so desire, on the payment of first cost, and remove or sell the building after advertisement for twenty days at three public places in the township. The deed for the property thus sold shall be executed by the chairman and clerk of the committee, and the proceeds of the sale shall be paid to the county treasurer for the school expenses in the school districts. The board of education shall adjust all differences that may arise in the division of districts, as herein provided, as to ownership of school houses or other property belonging to school districts or townships as now constituted.

SEC. 24. The school committee may receive suitable sites for school houses by donation or purchase. In the latter case they shall report the price to the chairman and secretary of the county board of education. If the latter are satisfied that the price is not excessive, they shall approve the order of the committee on the county treasurer for the purchase money, and upon payment of the order, the title to said site shall rest in the committee and their successors in office. Whenever the committee are unable to obtain a suitable site for a school by gift or purchase, they shall report to the county commissioners,

School houses, sites, &c., when unnecessary, how disposed of.

Sale must be advertised.

Proceeds paid to county treasurer.

Board to adjust differences.

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May condemn land for sites, when and how.